IN THE CLAIMS:

The status and content of each claims follows. No amendments to the claim are made by the present paper.

1. (original) A system for tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the system comprising:

a printer having a clock circuit; and

one or more printer clients, each having a clock circuit;

wherein:

a printer driver of said printer client appends time/date data from said clock circuit of that printer client to a print job being transmitted to said printer; and

said printer extracts said time/date data from said print job transmission and uses said time/date data to set or adjust said clock circuit of said printer.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer compares said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.

3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold relative to other time/date data received.

4. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if more than a standard deviation away from a sampling of other time/data data received.

5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer averages said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data received with other print jobs and then sets or adjusts said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said clock circuit of said printer is connected to a battery as a back-up power source.

7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer is maintained in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

8. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer avoids performing a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

9. (original) A method of tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the method comprising appending time/date data to a print job sent to said printer from a printer client having a clock circuit.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising, extracting said time/date data from said print job and using said time/date data to set or adjust a clock circuit of said printer.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising comparing said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising rejecting said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold from said other time/date data.

13. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising averaging said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data received with other print jobs and then setting or adjusting said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

14. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising maintaining said printer in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

15. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising avoiding performance a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

16. (original) A system of tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the system comprising:

means for appending time/date data to a print job sent to said printer from a printer client having a clock circuit that outputs time/date data; and

means for extracting said time/date data from said print job and using said time/date data to set or adjust a clock circuit of said printer.

17. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for comparing said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.

18. (original) The system of claim 17, further comprising means for rejecting said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold relative to said other time/date data.

19. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

means for averaging said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data received with other print jobs; and

means for setting or adjusting said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

20. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for maintaining said printer in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

21. (original) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for avoiding performance a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

22. (original) Computer-readable instructions recorded in a medium for storing computer-readable instructions, said instructions being used by a system of tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, wherein said a first set of said instructions causes a processing device in a printer client device to append time/date data to a print job sent to said printer, where said printer client device has a clock circuit that outputs time/date data.

23. (original) The computer-readable instructions of claim 22, wherein a second set of said instructions causes a processing device in said printer to extract said time/date data from said print job and use said time/date data to set or adjust a clock circuit of said printer.

24. (original) The computer-readable instructions of claim 23, wherein said second set of said instructions further causes said processing device in said printer to compare said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs and reject said time/date data if beyond a standard deviation from said other time/date data.

25. (original) The computer-readable instructions of claim 23, wherein said second set of said instructions further causes said processing device in said printer to average said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data; and set or adjust said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

26. (previously presented) A system for tracking time and date with a printer and managing that printer accordingly, the system comprising:

a printer having a clock circuit that tracks and outputs date and time information; and

one or more printer clients, each having a clock circuit that tracks and outputs date and time information;

wherein:

a printer driver of said printer client appends time/date data from said clock circuit of that printer client to a print job being transmitted to said printer; and

said printer extracts said time/date data from said print job transmission and uses said time/date data to set or adjust said clock circuit of said printer.

27. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer compares said time/date data received with said print job to time/date data from said clock circuit of said printer or other time/date data received with other print jobs.

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if beyond a predetermined threshold relative to other time/date data received.

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 28, wherein said printer rejects said time/date data if more than a standard deviation away from a sampling of other time/data data received.

30. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer averages said time/date data received with said print job with other time/date data received with other print jobs and then sets or adjusts said clock circuit of said printer according to a resulting average of all said time/date data.

31. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said clock circuit of said printer is connected to a battery as a back-up power source.

32. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer is maintained in an operating mode during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.

33. (previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said printer avoids performing a calibration procedure during pre-defined hours and days based on output from said clock circuit of said printer.